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Honorable Allen Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I cannot refrain from telling you frankly that I was offended by your comment, over the telephone, on my proposal designed to have the Congress authorize one of its Committees to study and investigate the activities of certain security and intelligence agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency. As a strong supporter of yourself and the CIA (often without enjoying the benefit of reciprocity) I did not expect to be at the receiving end of your rather acid remarks.

Believe me, it is not very easy to maintain a favorable attitude toward the CIA. Some of the criticism of the CIA's activities, particularly the manner in which its personnel is selected and screened for security and aptitude, appear at times to be rather well founded. The same thing applies, incidentally, to some of the other intelligence agencies.

It is most unfortunate that the dense cloak of secrecy with which you surrounded the Agency and the reluctance to convey to the Congress any information regarding its personnel, as well as its activities in the field of national security, has in fact placed the CIA entirely out of the reach of those who have a mandate - not a curiosity, let me stress - to survey security policy and security operations involving the very survival of the Nation.

Honorable Allen Dulles

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It is important, it seems to me that you yourself, and your employees, realize that they have no monopoly in the struggle with Communism and that there is no foundation for the creation of a myth of such monopoly. I sincerely believe that if some of the other able and courageous Americans would have at their disposal but a fraction of the tools with which the CIA has equipped itself - often without the knowledge of the Congress - far better results could be achieved.

Sincerely yours,

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